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WHEELER & WILSON M'F'G CO.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 11 1887

ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS LETTERS TO
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X

Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford - Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 10th inst., I send you by mail a specimen of each Asplenium rhizophyllum var. Biscayniana &
" " " myriophyllum
both collected by me Feb. 28 this year at the spot mentioned in the Bulletin Fro. Club:
Also an unsatisfactory specimen of A. Dentatum collected by me somewhere on the shore of Biscayne Bay sometime in Feb. — the best I can do. I have not a single duplicate of the more luxuriant Dentatum growing in company with the varieties mentioned above.

I was driven south by bad health and had no facilities for properly preserving specimens of ferns which I had not anticipated collecting to any extent.

I hope to give such instructions

to a friend of mine who ~~lives~~ winters on Biscayne Bay that he will make a good collection of the three kinds on the same shot for me next season. If I succeed in this scheme I shall be glad to furnish you with more specimens then, if you should desire them.

I am just about to begin making a collection of ferns for myself and later on I may be glad to get such specimens from you as I can render an equivalent for.

Yours truly

Isaac Holden

OFFICE OF
WHEELER & WILSON M'F'G CO.

Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 14 — 188

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K

Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 11th: The only fair duplicate I had of Nephrolepis acuta I gave to Prof. Eaton. I have now one good and one poor specimen. I have charged a friend of mine who winters on Biscayne Bay and knows just where I found the fern to get me a good number of specimens early this coming winter when I hope it will be in good fruit. There are thousands of the fern there and I hope for a good supply. If I am not disappointed I shall take pleasure in sending you a number of good specimens. If I am disappointed I will give you one of the two I now have.

Yours truly

Isaac Holden

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Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 20 188?

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for the excellent photograph of forms of Botrychium & Ophioglossum with their variations, which I have examined as you suggested, with much satisfaction. If you have made any lantern slides of this picture you have doubtless found them very effective.

If you ever come this way I hope you will stop over some time and give me a call.

Yours truly
Isaac Holden

OFFICE OF

WHEELER & WILSON M'F'G CO.

Bridgeport, Conn., Apr. 24 1888

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K

Geo. E. Davenport Esq.
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Conformably with my promise made some time since, I now send you by mail a couple of specimens of Nephrolepis acuta, Presl, from Florida. My friend Monroe had no difficulty in finding it by the directions I gave him, in fact he says he found the same thing at several points on the south bank of the Miami. He put the collecting off so late that I find no young fronds on the specimens. I greatly regret that I cannot send you a root-stock, although I particularly requested him to get some. He sent me only one complete specimen, because he could find only one small one in fruit. He writes that the fronds (including stipe, I suppose) are generally from 4 to 7 feet long. This accords with my recollection.

Yours truly Isaac Holden

Bridgeport, Conn., Apr. 29-1888.

Geo. E. Davenport Esq. Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor of the 26th rec'd.

I gave Munroe instructions about binding ferns and told him if necessary to cut fronds, complete with root stock, into sections so that they could be mounted in order on successive sheets. He is no botanist at all and probably misunderstood me to the extent of thinking that one small ~~frond~~ specimen fern complete and one frond cut in sections, with tips of others, would be sufficient — though I told him to "get a lot". Upon overhauling the specimens I find that though he did not send but one complete ~~frond~~ specimen, there is also ~~another~~ one from almost complete in two parts. That I will send you in a few days with an exact representation of the complete specimen. — Next season, if he goes to Biscayne Bay as I suppose he will, I shall try to have him go up the Miami again and get a number of complete specimens, in which event I will remember you. I suppose he is leaving the south about this time.

I enclose check-list showing what I have in the way of ferns. I commenced my collection last year, getting a few in Florida and what I could find in this vicinity last season, and have got a few from other parts by exchange. — Appreciating your kind offer, I should thankfully receive two or three specimens — anything you have to spare that I have not. I hope in time to get a nearly complete collection of the ferns of the U.S. Yours truly Isaac Holden

If you ever come this way I hope you will stop here and see me.

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Bridgeport, Conn., May 7 1888

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.

Dear Sir:

I now send you by mail a frond of Nephrolepis Acuta in two sections and a photograph of my small, but complete, specimen.

I think the two sections really comprise a complete frond and that the short ovate leaflets, which you see in photo., had fallen off.

The dimensions of the plant in the photo. I have noted on the back of the picture. – On one of my specimens the longest pinnae are 5 inches (making frond 10 inches wide) but whether that is an extraordinary size I cannot say – but think not, for the widest part of frond.

Yours truly

Isaac Holden

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Bridgeport, Conn., May 26 1888.

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq.

Dear Sir:

If you would kindly send me two or three copies of your check-list of forms — if you have them to spare — you would place me under great obligations. They would be very useful to me in making exchanges.

Yours truly,

Isaac Holden

P.S. Many thanks for your p.c. of the 9th.

J. W. Holland, M.D.,
418 West Broadway.

X

Louisville July 18th 1884

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

H

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 12th inst enclosing Miss Homes check for $55.00 for Mrs. Williamson was recd. this morning. Mrs. Williamson has given me power of attorney to dispose of her deceased sons' effects. So I feel at liberty to to make the descount on Terms of N. Amer. you suggest. If you find a purchaser at $20.00 let me know and I will send them by Express to you or any one you name. With respect to the other matters mentioned see my last letter. Mrs. W. is very grateful for your sympathy and substantial aid. She is nervous

grieves sorely and is doubtful about her future movements.

Time the consoler, will ~~also~~ bring her to some settled plan. Her case is one to call forth all the sympathy ~~and~~ the patience and the indul-gence ever meted out to any one.

Sincerely Yrs.

J. W. Holland

Brookland D.C.

Decbr. 22nd. 1900

Geo. E. Davenports Esqrs.

Medford. Mass.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request in Rhodora, I take pleasure in sending a list of the Ferns of D.C., the records of which are nearly all collected by a friend of mine Mr. W. H. Palmer.

Yours respectfully

Theodor Holm

Brookland D.C.

Feby. 25. 1901.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir:

I would have answered your letter of Dec. 28. long ago, if it were not that I have not received any reply from Mr. Palmer, to whom I wrote and asked for the information, you desired concerning the occurrence of A. ebenoides etc. I am sorry that I can not give you any further details.

As regards Botrychium viz. the spores are mature usually middle of June here. Those of B. obliquum at very

different time; its spores may be ripe in September or not until October or even later. It is alive all through the winter here and perfectly fresh.

Ophioglossum is excedingly rare and one finds seldom more than a few individuals at the time; the spores, I guess, are ripe in July.

If I should be favored with a reply from Mr. Palmer, I shall send you his notes at once.

Yours very truly

Theo. Holm

Feb 9/76

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your kind letter of Jan 17 & the very interesting Ferns which accompanied it & your interesting monographs of Botrychium simplex & of Cheilanthes vestita: for all of which pray accept my best thanks. Of course I immediately handed your communication to Mr Baker who was much gratified. I need hardly add that I should have suggested the name was too near to C. discosa, Kaulf.

J. G. B.

Enclosed his remarks on the Sheaffia, name of C. viridis & an extract from a new scientific daily newspaper which will interest you. I have not a word to say about the winter is.

I have asked Mr Baker to see if he can supply any of your desiderata, & if possible to do so; the only one we can spare is a scarcely flowered Pellaea alabamensis

Sphagnum palustre, the last of 50 cases for the Herbarium - a remarkable record - my under dire anxiety!

Pray remember me to Mrs Asa Gray

Believe me

Most faithfully yours

J G Baker

The two ferns are both new to us, If Cheilanthes viscida were not already in print I should have suggested the name was too near to C. viscosa, Hook.

J. G. B.

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Feb: 14/78

My dear Sir

Your plant has been carefully examined & Mr Baker says he thinks it is really P. serrulata, but it has been so long in cultivation that he thinks it probably that it should be sold in Statesman. This point must however be settled by American Botanists whom Spencer will shortly I would accept. It is an interesting find any way.

I enclose a few specimens of
Ad. Chinese, the best
I can obtain.

Yours truly
P. Parker

V

Georgetown Aug 7, 1885

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir I write in great haste. I want to study a little about ferns with a friend during the next month and can you tell us of some book that would be most helpful to us, just as though we were beginners and wanted to learn from in a short time? But time is so limited that we want the most helpful thing there is. Do you think there is any place where we could borrow something for the time. Truly Yours

E. N. S. Worner

V

Georgetown Jan. 22/95

My Dear Mr Davenport,

I was happy to receive today, your paper on Ferns "Two New Ferns from New England"

These days I am so little in communication with my Boston botanical and other friends that a reminder that I am still recognized is very pleasant.

I am much interested in the article as I have supposed a fern hybrid a very rare creation, and I am glad that

Essex Co. is so fortunate as to have revealed two. I shall hope sometime to secure a specimen. I still ramble in the woods and fields and should like to exhibit collections just as well as ever were it possible.

You must feel a great sense of loss that Mr Hitchings is no longer here; he always seems so full of activity. The last time I was in Boston before he passed away, I met him at the Hall and had a very pleasant talk — and when I read that sweet and loving memorial in the Transactions it seemed utterly impossible that he had attained the age of 85 but he never would have grown too old to love the flowers and he has indeed left to us who know him a precious legacy.

I wish I might be with you sometime in Boston but I believe I should be glad indeed to go now and I should be glad indeed to welcome you at my home.

Thanking you again for the "Fern Paper" I am yours very truly

Charlotte N. S. Horne

Georgetown Aug 18. 1896

Dear Mr. Davenport –

I have been thinking of you lately more than usual, perhaps in a selfish way. It seems so long too since I have seen the old Horticultural friends, and they "go away" one by one. I miss the thought of Mr Hitchings coming in to the Saturday meetings, and always with something interesting. Others that I knew more or less, come there no more –

Mr Hitchings tells me you are still in Roanoke Place and I shall hope to see you some time. There and I should be very glad to see you here sometime

Very Truly Yours –

Charlotte N. R. Horner

I am preparing a paper to read before a Natural History Club next month; the subject is Ferns. I am trying not to steal from you or others who have written on the subject, but I want to ask you two or three things that I may need to know, for I am surprised at myself to find how very little I know. Why is Aspidium changed to Dryopteris? I fear I have not kept up with the times very well, and I rather think whatever is the reason for the change, that I shall follow Gray in speaking of them in my paper but some one may call me to account as I would like to be prepared.

Is the very small fern you mention as grow in Alabama, Trichomanes Petersii? I have a specimen of that, and it seems to be the smallest of all ferns. I am not sure yet, but I think I may take a few specimens among the extreme orders or unusual forms, and as I know I know alone them, if my father was ready I think I should take the liberty to submit it to your judgement & criticism, but I have so little time that it will have to remain as it will be only hope I shall make no pretensions

Georgetown Aug. 22. 1896

My Dear Mr Davenport

I am so sorry that I cannot entertain you on Wednesday. The triennial reunion of the Sprofford family occurs on that day, and we usually have many friends from a distance whose head-quarters are with us. I shall hardly be likely to be at leisure before Friday (28th)

If you can come on that day I shall be very glad to see you —

Very truly Yours
Charlotte N. S. Horner

Georgetown Sept 5, 1896

Dear Mr Davenport –

I was very sorry you could not come out last week I should have ventured to submit my paper to you to see what mistakes could be corrected, but I hope I shall lose no one for extra but I am surprised at my own ignorance, as I have been many times before when I have looked into some subject for a special purpose. As I read it – I think it is rather rambling but I have not time now to make many changes. I have written under difficulties, as I have scarcely had an hour undisturbed.

I shall take a few fresh specimens for illustration, and some of my Herbarium specimens, and in looking over to select I find that I have one or more species of every genus in the U. S. but one (Aneimia) so I think I shall take one of each along, I know there are some who desire much to see them, and in most cases they are duplicates.

We hope there will still be a day that you can come out before winter, It seems very Autumnal just now but of course there will be more warm days — I shall try to go in a few times at least to the discussions at the Hall this winter —

Very truly Yours —
Charlotte N. S. Warner

I opened my letter to say that I have just found in the back yard, sheltering an overhanging rock quite a patch of Prothallia which I hope will keep for next Saturday although I have preserved specimens. I have opened the letter again & this time add to take one envelope) I have just read over your letter again & recall the old names &c, and you go on to say that I might retain the old names &c, and you know that I might if you have any ferns I would like, let you know that I may that if you have duplicates of Osmunda & Aneimia that you have to loan (and gun) I should like to borrow & you dare to loan them out — Hall day Thursday if you can leave them out — I could send for them,

Georgetown Oct. 21, 1897

My Dear Mr Davenport

I have been hoping for several weeks to go to Boston and thought I might call at your store, but Mr Horner has had a very severe illness beginning the first of June, and although he is out and has been twice to Boston he is very far from having recovered.

Two or three years since a friend collected some ferns for me while at the Azores for his health and it occurred to me that you could give me help about naming them and I did up the package a long

time ago to leave at Hort. Hall
and today I sent it and if you
have leisure sometime to look
them over and help me to some
of the names I shall be most
grateful; if there are any that
you wish to keep, the number
ed and are duplicates you
can have them,
I forward you some specimens
of Polypodium L. and if you
find anything convincing to
Prof. Underwood among them
I enclose stamps for you to
forward them to him, otherwise
you can sometime leave them
with the Azores ferns at Hort. Hall

I hope I have not bewildered you
with my business
If you have a spare specimen
of Osmunda cinnamomea I should like it very
much, as it is the only time two specimens had
come in N.Y. and so anxious to see the
gentleman in N.Y. who so anxious to have some
fern that I sent the good one to him and
I hardly like to ask the Dodge for another
I hope to go to the independent men of ex
hope I may see you & other friends
Very truly yours
Charlotte M. Barrows

Georgetown Nov. 18. 1897—

Dear Mr Davenport

Please excuse my delay in replying to yours of the 7th I also expected to meet you at the Chrysanthemum Exhibition, but Mr Horner did not feel quite able to attend, he has had a severe ~~bronchial~~ cold in addition to his general ill health, is some better now— Do not hurry or feel any uneasiness about the ferns I sent; it was rather presuming

on your kindness to send them when you have so many more important calls. please do not allow them to displace anything else — I shall be glad indeed if the Botrychiums will be of use to you please keep them all if you wish and again I say do not hurry about the foreign ones —

Very truly yours

Charlotte N. S. Horner

Georgetown Apr. 22. 1898

Dear Mr Davenport

I have not been surprised that you did not write me about the fern as you told me when I sent my package how much you had on hand for the winter. I wrote Mr Chaffin ~~at the time~~ before I wrote you that I thought the fern must be C. fragilis — I should surely like your Bulletin and when you are sure that it

will come out I will send
the $1,00 — Mr Horner
has had a poor winter and
is too feeble to sit up much
still I do not lose hope
that — when the days are
warm enough for him to
be wheeled to the open door,
that he may get a little
strength; Do not put by
anything else for my ferns
for I have no time or heart
to do anything with them at
present, but a friend collected
them for me and I thought
I should sometime like
to know more about them —

Very Truly Yours
Charlotte N. S. Horner

Georgetown Massachusetts Jan 12, 1905 —
Mrs E. N. B. Horner, Nelson Ave

My Dear Mr Davenport

I have intended for several weeks to write you, I have much means of knowing anything of my old friends of the Horticultural Society excepting what I gather from the semi yearly transactions." (I usually read them very thoroughly) and I occasionally meet Mr Low. (Hon Aaron).

I should so much like to know if you have any special

work in progress in the plant line, I think you had some illustrated work on Ferns in contemplation, some time ago, did you complete the work, and if so I hope you can tell me something about it, or any other kindred work in which you have been engaged. (If you have finished the work on Ferns please tell me if it is too expensive for private ownership, I have some thought of buying something in that line, I do not lose my interest in the "vegetable World" although I am no longer an active worker —

Last winter I put my Herbarium in order which was quite a pleasure to me as so many pleasant excursions, exchanges, friendly interviews, interesting correspondence &c, were brought to mind that I enjoyed a great deal.

I suppose you attend the Saturday meetings, and I still see in the reports some of the old familiar names.

Now I hope that some day when you have leisure I may hear from you. Very sincerely Yours

Charlotte N. V. Corner

PRINGLE & HORSFORD,
CHOICE NOVELTIES,
NORTH AMERICAN
PLANTS AND SEEDS.

Charlotte, Vermont,
U. S. A.

Sept. 10 1881

Dear Mr. P.

Your package of pictures duly rec'd. Mr. P. is again in Mex. and with a fair prospect before him if his health is good. Another turn back would no doubt cure him of collecting but since he sends to Lilen this the best of any thing I suppose we ought to be glad of his success. In regard to the payment for the pictures Mr. P. said he usually settled with you for them at the end of the year but if you wish I can pay you now. but then send a bill of all if you wish it now. Yours Truly J. H. H.

Send you letter to Mr. P. in Mex.

UNITED STATES

POSTAL CARD

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

SEP 10 '88
9 PM

Mr G. E. Davenport
8 Hamilton Place
Boston
Mass.

Charlotte, Vt. June 10,'98.

My Dear Sir:-

These letters have just come back here to Mr. P. and he is now again in Mex. I thought you might like to add to them befor being forwarded to him again so I send to you with his last addres .

C.G. Pringle
Hotel Buena Vista
Calle de las Estaciones,
Mexico City, Mexico.

I find there is positively no reliance on letters to many points in Mex. I have had a great many held just as these have been.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

13 Brook St Brattleboro Vermont

Mr G. E. Davenport-

My dear Sir:-

Enclosed find the letter from Mr Ferris which will explain itself. Several months ago I received a letter from him asking for a root of the little fern which you named for me. I sent him one from my fern jar a few days ago and this communication from him is in response to that. I forward it all to you asking you to look at his frond from Arkansas which is enclosed and see, as he asks, if it is the same kind as ours. Then if you will please return the letter and frond with your letter stating your opinion I will return his frond to him. This is quite a strange coincidence I think. I went out to the station, where I found the ferns, a few days since, and found three or four nice plants which are sending up new fronds. Two plants in my fern garden are doing well.

Very truly yours

Frances B. Horton

Arkansas
A. H. Ferris, Joliet, Ill.

I certainly do not know what to look for. I have not told you that I found a Christmas fern with nearly every frond crested at the apex and some of them twice and thrice crested One was forked and crested also. That was growing out on the farm.

One of the Goldianum fronds was forked. Excuse this long letter but when I begin to say anything about ferns I find it hard to stop talking.

Thank you for your kind favor

Very truly yours
Frances B. Horton

Brattleboro. Vt.

Mr Davenport

Your letter with fronds came today and I thank you very much for your trouble. It has helped me very much

I am surprised that the spinulosum turns out to be normal spinulosum - I am also much pleased to have it so. Yes this frond came from the same plant that had some crested pinnae on fronds

I was on Round Mt - where we found it. The marginale

was a handsome odd looking plant. I have climbed 'Round Mt three times this season to find Goldianum, Braunii and Angustifolium. but failed to find them. I found the Angustifolium growing plentifully by the roadside on a Girl road the other day and last Saturday we drove out to my father-in-law's farm and I went down into a charming ravine in the woods and found twelve plants of Goldianum and huge boulders covered with moss, Trichomanes and Walking fern. I only knew of but one place where the Walking fern grew in town and that is at Round Mt. Consequently I am much pleased to have it grow so abundantly at our home and so near the house. So many times as I have been through those woods studying birds I have never noticed anything growing on those rocks before.

Now we are trying to find the marginale × cristata and Braunii I don't know what else we could hope to find in town. I think I have nearly all the kinds that grow about here. If anything grows here

13 Brook Street.

Brattleboro, Vt., Nov 5 1900

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir:—

Your communication is received also the exquisite blue prints for which I thank you most abundantly. I am unable to tell you how much I prize them. About our little strange fern I am glad you received it safely. Since receiving your letter I have been out to the pasture where I found the fern to observe the surroundings more minutely. At many yards distant from the spot where I took your specimen I found several plants growing. Three or four plants were growing not more than one or two feet apart and two more were growing a little farther down the hill. Within one foot of some of the plants were growing the ebenenum. trichomanes Aerostichoides, marginale, and a few feet away a large patch of dicksonia. Each strangie plant was a separate plant of itself. I examined all the fronds and found none fruited. I took one plant and covered the other with leaves so no one should

notice the place where I had been working and take the plants and perhaps determinate them

The plant which I took I will send you if you wish for another. The place is a side-hill pasture descending directly toward the east-

There are many large rocks on the hillside but our plants were growing on or near the smaller rocks

The place is far from being thickly wooded but near by are growing the pine hemlock, cedar birch, maple, elm &c.

If there is any other information in regard to this which I can furnish you I shall be very glad indeed to do.

Again please accept my thanks

Yours cordially

Frances B. Norton (Mrs. W. C. Norton)

request to make of you
I would you will have occasion
to use my name in full
when not addressing letters
to me please remember that I
sign my name and am known
by the name of

Frances B. Morton
13 Brook St
Brattleboro
Vt

Nov 23 - 1910

Mr J. S. Davenport

My dear Sir:—

I mailed you today
a copy of the Phenix containing
a short article about our little
farm. I suppose the article
found its way into the paper
by way of some of my friends
who are greatly interested in
the subject. The other paper
was the Brattleboro Reformer
and the article I think was
copied from the Phenix

I am watching the farm

growing and I find that they are still fresh and green and quite as much so as the Ebenenum

It is a cold place and most of our ferns are now brown and dead - except of course the Evergreen ferns - but our little fern is still bright and so are many of the ebenenums if the fronds are covered with leaves if not they are very much faded

Our little fern is on a hillside descending towards the east where the warm sunshine is not obstructed from shining directly on to the slope. There are large and small limestone cliffs, an abundance of ferns, wild flowers and several kinds of native trees. Cattle graze about there but do not seem to harm our ferns. It is a charming, quiet spot and a place where anyone who is in love with nature, beautiful and wild, can find their hearts content.

I hope to hear the full result of your investigation and also to see the "Rhodora" for January -

If there is any thing I can say or do to assist you I shall be much pleased to do so. I have one little

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Dec 29 1900

Mr George E. Davenport

Dear Sir:-

Your very welcome letter came in this morning and I wish to thank you for your courtesy in naming the strange little fern. I wrote to Dr Robinson today as you suggested and stated the facts about the little stranger as they have shown themselves to me.

I thank you for your advice about shielding the station and I will certainly guard it closely. I have never told any one but Mr Horton where they grow. If the place was known I am sure it would mean total eradication for our treasure

Very truly

Frances B. Horton

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., June 20 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir

You see I am returning the fern for you to look at once more. I was a little surprised when your letter came stating that it was the Hostonae

I will send along one of my fronds for you to get a comparison. I think the Ark. frond nearer to the normal ebenenum than mine, also the Hostonae is far more deeply incised. almost twice pinnate. And the other is only toothed a little and the pinnules at the base differ from mine (halberd shape)

I cannot think they are identical and when you see the two together you may see the difference more clearly. Had I found the Ark. specimen I would have sent it to you at once for a new name.

This is most interesting to me and I know it is to you. Very truly yours

Frances B Hooton. (over)

I would like to have you state the names of the Mondrias. We do not often see them and they miss us a little. Ol –

Miss
Florence

to pieces. I have no doubt I can make it grow again as all the ferns seem perfectly willing to grow for me.

They all grow luxuriantly and afford me great delight. I have only about thirty five different ones yet I think I must have more than one hundred plants. I find it difficult to obtain those that do not grow here.

In writing about the cristatum you call it "Infundibulum" Cristatum and I do not understand that term never have seen the word before

I was glad to know that Mr. was right - I had thought so before I read it but could not be sure as I did not know it grew here and the funny thing is that it grows very near my home - down by a pond only a few yards from our grounds. If there is any thing I can get you this way I should indeed deem it a great pleasure to be privileged to do so -

Very truly yours
Frances B Horton

(Mrs Wm C. Horton)

Brattleboro. July 11 - 1911

Mr. J. E. Davenport -

X

My dear friend

Your letter came today naming the ferns and I cannot tell you how you have helped me. It is indeed hard for me to study them all out alone - and I love them so much that I want to be personally acquainted with them and be sure I am not making any mistakes. I am more than delighted to learn that you will send me some ferns - I needn't assure, I think, that they will receive good care.

About the fertile fronds of the Hartwei - your letter with questions has placed in my head a sad suspicion. You asked if only one plant had fertile fronds. I

see that only one has. While these plants are strong and healthy near by. And none were fruited at the station. This plant is one that I took up last summer and placed in my fern garden (out doors) In the spring the new fronds were sent up readily and the plant is a fine one with all new fronds. There is one and I think two more fruited fronds just like the one I mailed you. My suspicion is this that when I took up the plant last season I took as much of the earth around it as would cling together and I did not examine the root nor see it as it was thickly covered with the earth and it is far from being impossible that a common ebenum may be growing up with it. Today after your letter came I thought of the time last summer when I was examining a plant to write you about I observed some prostrate fronds that seemed to be on the same root stalk as the Hartman and I took many particles of earth away and pulled apart the roots and found that the Hartman and the common fronds did not come from the same roots altho' closely interwoven and apparently the same plant. Now this may be the case with this one and if you think it best I will take it up and thoroughly examine it and let you know at once even if it tears the plant

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., July 24 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport-

Your letter came in this morning explaining the Ark fronds. I am so glad to have some one who can set me right- on the ferns.

They certainly do not look identical to me but, as you say, I did not examine the Ark- very closely and if I had I might- have been deceived the same as I am now- Why! You do comfort you as an expert- a specialist- and can see every thing about a fern at one glance where we have to dig out all our problems and then drift- into error- I have no one but you to whom I can petition for one word of help and the Rhodora does not help me very much because I know so little. The more I study and the more time I give to ferns the less I seem to know about them. I don't know what ails me but I am muddled now on a few common ferns- There are a few fern students here whom I have often asked to help

out on certain specimens and I have found each time that I received just no help at all and they know less than I. Studying alone as I do, I often get confused and discouraged. Did such a condition ever come to you when you began the study?

I am glad to report to you that my Hortonia is fruited and the fertile fronds look like the normal specimens. Shall I send you a fruited frond? I was much pleased with your photographs I assure you. I have placed in my scrap book of ferns. Beside it I have pasted the "Editorial" and near it the plate and explanation of the plate of the Hortonia. This scrap book is one of my treasures in which I place all plates and clippings regarding ferns. In closing I will again thank you for your explanation and say I wish I could see the differences as you can. Seeing them and noting in my mind they seem to differ enough to be different varieties. Where can I send for an Acrostichum Praunii and a Woodsia Glabella?

Very truly yours

Francis B. Horton

(over, please)

Mr George E Davenport

My dear Sir: –

I am just at home from an outing at Spofford Lake and hasten to reply to your communication regarding the ferns which you have very kindly offered to send me. Yes it was the living ferns that I wanted for my fern garden but as you can only send me pressed specimens I shall be much pleased to place those mentioned in my herbarium which I am

now arranging and I can assure you the specimens will be very welcome as they will augment my meagre collection.

I received the new list of ferns by B. D. Gilbert but I do not understand the Asphrodium and Polypticium part. My "Botanical friends" here are as much in the dark as I am

I am almost inclined to think that my fern study gives me greater pleasure and satisfaction than any other subject and my regret is that I can give so little time to anything I love so well. My bird study and lectures consume my most valuable time outside of my home responsibilities but I cannot resist the temptation to spend a few happy hours down among my luxuriantly growing ferns each week.

Thanking you for past favors

I am very truly yours
Frances B. Hooton

Brattleboro Vt.
July 29 - 1901

growing as the A. simulatum but the result helped me by strengthening my own opinions and may help me to be more self reliant in future. What troubles me now is to distinguish between the different spinulosums and Felix foeminas and between the Cristatum and var Christmannii and Boottii. And I find Miss Reed and others here cannot discriminate between them. I shall not be satisfied until the problem is perfectly settled in my own mind. One of the characteristics in my nature is to know a thing of my own positive knowledge before accepting it. The problem now is how am I going to find the difference between them.

I thank you very kindly for your generosity and the ferns. I am getting all

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Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:—

How can I ever thank you enough for sending me those beautiful specimens of ferns which I am so delighted with?

There is a little coincidence connected with it which I will tell you about. I have been very ill for more than two weeks and in my delirium I was digging ferns and had a beautiful time at it. When I was able to sit up a few minutes

Mr Hooton arranged for me to get down into my garden among the ferns for a short time and while there I noticed one of my plants that looked very strange to me - one which I had passed over as a filix foemina - I took a frond back to my room with me and began to study its points and decided that it was what I had never seen before - an aspidium simulatum - I judged largely by its simple veins and the fruit dots.

Then came in to see me my dear friend and old classmate - Miss Addie Reed a graduate from Mt Holyoke who taught in South Africa for (10) ten years - and I showed her the frond and told her what I thought it to be and she said "I think you are wrong this time I am sure it is a marginale × cristatum - but I did not change my opinion and then in two days you sent me those beautiful specimens and there I found both species in question. It helped me out of the dilemma at once and my plant is beyond a doubt the A. simulatum

It seemed as if you must have foreseen in some way my immediate need: I would be just as pleased to have the marginale × cristatum

the specimens together that I can and shall place them in an herbarium as soon as I can get one. There are none to be obtained in our book stores and I do not know where to send to get one. I may have one made at the book bindery.

I wish there was some thing here that I could send you I would do so gladly.

I do not think the Brauni grows in B. I cannot find it and am much pleased with the fronds you sent also the glabella

Mrs: all the fronds in the

Dicksonia pilosiuscula cristatum plant crested or were some of them normal. I had an asplenium with two of the fronds forked or crested while the others were normal. I have often wondered at the cause.

Very truly yours

Frances B. Horton

Brattleboro Vermont

August 19-1901

Mr Stanford-

Will you please name this fern for me and return it as it is not mine. At first I called it Polypodium but the fruit dots very differently

Yrs respectfully

calls it Tilia americana. It was found in Windsor at the near Brattleboro.

Yours - Frances B Horton

[illegible]

Brattleboro Aug 30 - 21

13 Brook Street.

Brattleboro, Vt., Sept 24 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:—

The Rhodora and N. A. Pteridophytes which you sent me came safely and I thank you very much for them and not only do I wish to thank you for the books but also for your kind mention of me and the little fern which you have so nicely noted in Rhodora.

In the "Pteridophytes" I see several varieties of Filix fœmina listed and a few of them explained in the appendix and I would like to know how we are to know about those not explained

Have you anything to help us out on the varieties of the Filix fœmina? So far I have failed to find anything of value. I am sending a specimen about which there is a disagreement this way - Will you please tell me whether it is Bootii or Clintonianum and why? Those two

species trouble me more than I can tell you and more than all the others. (I said I am not alone) Did I tell you I had found the A. Simulatum in Brattleboro and my friends have found the Climbing fern (Lygodium) in N. H. just out of Keene? They sent me a root or rather a fine plant so I know they were correct in identification. I have about forty different ferns growing in my garden and am looking for more. I have a Filix Mas and a Goldianum promised but will probably not get it until next spring

Thanking you kindly for all your favors

I am very truly yours

Frances B. Horton

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Oct 2 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:-

Your letter came last Tuesday and I have read it several times. I am so glad the fern was Bootii as that was my own decision made before several members of a Nature club from another state while I was out ferning with them. They told me I was in error, that the fern was a Clintonianum

This is the third time that this has occurred and it proves that I can trust my first decision

I thank you very much for making it so clear to me. It has helped me very much

I send you a frond of Lygodium which I just took from my garden. It (the plant) came from N. Y. My friends found it growing very plentifully and luxuriantly ~~in~~ on a knoll in

a meadow only ten miles from Hinsdale N. H. The name of the town they did not state but said it grew in N. H. I can ask them the name of the place. I think they are withholding the name so no one shall find it and exterminate it from that locality. I know they will tell me but perhaps it wouldn't be best for the public to know just the spot.

They said it grew with the Royal fern and it was completely entwined around it - roots and all and it was very difficult to get any roots. However they succeeded in obtaining one for me and some for their own ferneries. The woman who owns the meadow told them it had grown there for years and many times people had been there and taken roots but no one had made them live. I think mine will live all right. I have had it some time and it looks fresh and green now. I hope it will not be wilted badly when you receive it. I would press it for you but a green frond will make a better voucher for you. The specie surely is well established there and growing abundantly at that place. We should greatly rejoice if we

could find it in Vt. I shall see those ladies this week as they are going to drive over here the first sunny day and I am going to take them to Round Mt to hunt for Goldianum, Braunii and A. Trichomanes var Lucianum. (They new all found there several years ago before the trees were cut down) I will enquire of them still more more concerning Lygodium and if they tell me anything further I will write you at once

I will tell them to ask that the plants be allowed to remain and that the secret of their station be closely kept. I thank you for your kind interest and also for the hints ~~of~~ in the varieties of Filix foemina.

I have some growing that are entirely different but I am glad it is not necessary or perhaps best to trouble to distinguish many varieties -

Very truly yours

Frances B Boston

all the others.

Very Sincerely Yours

Frances B Horton

Oct 5 1901

Brattleboro. Vt. Oct. 5. 1901

My dear Mr Davenport

I went on the delightful fernning expedition with my friends in pursuit of Goldianum and Brauni. We found the woods cut away and the species exterminated and so our last hope of finding either of the two has vanished. We have plenty of pressed specimens in our Herbarium, but we or I want a wot of each very much indeed

I found A. Angustifolium in

Brattleboro last week growing abundantly beside a "Grief Road"

That was a happy surprise I found a large boulder covered with Walking fern

I asked my friends about the climbing fern again. They said they found it in Winchester N.H. but they had told no one else. One of the women had been to the place several years ago and obtained fronds to press and she knew that it had grown there for years

She said she had gathered it in Mass where the fronds were longer and more luxuriant

They said there was a large knoll covered with Ly. godinii and O. Regalis completely entwined about each other

The Ly. godinii being shaded and supported by the O. Regalis.

My friends are going to subscribe for Rhodora and one of them will send for your set of blue prints of Ferns of N. E.

I shall surely wish Rhodora while you are writing for it.

I value your opinion above

13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., Oct 11 1901

Mr Davenport

Is this marginale the normal type? I found it on Round Mt. The other I also found near the same place. It seems unlike spinulosum to me and yet not like Bootii. What is it?

Hastily –

Frances B. Horton

One of the fronds of the plant I call (Bootii or Spin) fern was crested nicely. I am preserving it for my herbarium. If you look closely you will see a slight tendency towards being crested in the frond enclosed – It all seems so different from that fruited frond of the spinulosum.

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13 Brook Street

Brattleboro, Vt., 5 190_

Mr Davenport

Today I mail you the fronds from the fern I told you about in a previous letter I do not understand why they did not press smoother. May be you can just moisten them and press them between blotters and improve them a little.

The marginale which I send is a form that I often see and yet it is unlike the fronds I sent you a short time since and you called it the highest type. The common form growing here is unlike this one as this has the upward turning pinnae and the lowest pinnae have elongated pinnules like spinulose

Is there any special name attached to this form? If not why cannot we have one as mid-

as to have the different forms and varieties of Filix femina and spinulosum named?

The Christmas ferns may not be anything you will care for and if not don't trouble over them.

I shall be pleased with the Dicksonia crustata. A friend brought me a Filix mas from his garden last week. They grow nicely in this section but of course are not natives of this place.

Very truly yours

Frances B Horton

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FRANCES B. HORTON, Pres., STELLA E. BARROWS, Sec'y, } Brattleboro, Vt.

Dec 30 1901

Mr G. E. Davenport

My dear Sir:—

Having been invited to read a paper on my garden ferns at the coming mid winter meeting of our "State" Botanical Club at Burlington I petition to you for some good advice in nomenclature. Shall I say Aspidium or Polystichum acrostichoides? Aspidium or Nephrodium cristatum—

Boottii, Spinulosum, Marginale
Noeboracense Thely pteris Pa?

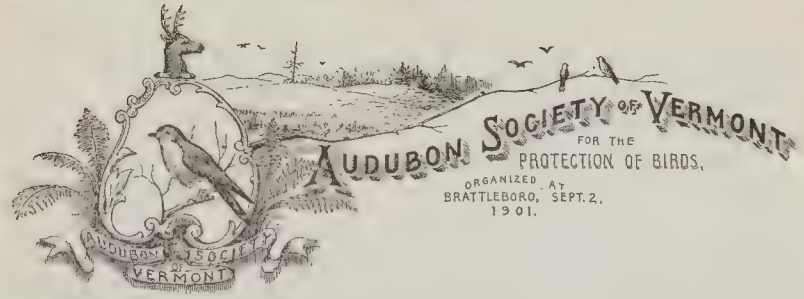
I know your opinion about Athyrium
Filix Femina, having learned in the
Manual which you so generously sent
me but I have not read in anything
your opinion about Nephrolepis.
and why the change from Aspid to
Nephrolepis.

Will you kindly advise me and
accept my gratitude for the same

Very truly Yours
Francis B Horton

Mrs. F. B. Horton

Dec 30 - 1901



FRANCES B. HORTON, Pres.,
STELLA E. BARROWS, Sec'y, } Brattleboro, Vt.

Mr G. E Davenport

My dear Sir:—

Our "Botanical meeting" will not be held until after the twentieth of this month and the Rhodora will probably be printed in ample time to reach me before then.

I am sure I can never thank you enough for your kindness and generosity to me for which

I feel truly grateful and I wish I had words to express to you my appreciation of your high class of favors to me.

Very truly Yours

Francis B. Norton

Jan 2- 1902

Oct 1905

13 Brook St.
Brattleboro Vt.

Mr. G. E. Davenport.

Dear Sir:-

Once more I am writing you to tell you about my ferns. I have a fine station for the Crested Dicksonia, the same as you sent me a few years ago.

I have found a station for the Marginale x Cristatum

and within a few days I have found one plant of the Ebenum Trichomanes var. Incisum.

One plant, only, was found by Miss Grout, in this town several years ago and at that time Harvard sent up a man who spent the greater part of three days searching the same hillside for more specimens but found none. So this is the only plant found since that time. I send you a frond which is scarcely dry but it will prove any kind.

The plant was very small and there was but few fronds.

The Crested Dicksonia does not appear in the Vt. Flora nor the Marginale x Cristatum in the Brattleboro Flora.

I am sure our Botanical friends will be pleased to know of this, from you, in Rhodora.

I am still having much

pleasure in finding new stations for Camptosorus Rhizophyllus and one or two new stations for P. Brauni.

All which I have mentioned I found in Brattleboro.

I trust you are well and enjoying the beautiful Autumn.

Very Sincerely yours
Frances B. Horton
(Mrs. W. C. H.)

Concord 12/4/18.

Dear Mr. Bancroft: I read the paper you sent me & you are at liberty to the Editor of the Concord Freeman. Mr. Grant wants Kimball to have his office from the present Head of Pickerings Falls Court. The fence you made on Mr. Hunter Pratt has not yet appeared. Mrs. Pratt is out of town visiting & the Editor has not been

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[illegible] in the [illegible] of New
[illegible] would you like it to
[illegible] would you like to exchange
[illegible] with Mr Dutton of
[illegible] the High Sch. teacher
[illegible] place. My address
[illegible] Rockaway, Monmouth Co
New Jersey. I shall be [illegible]
two weeks longer & then [illegible]
[illegible] Olivia Howard.

Rockaway, N. J. [illegible]
[illegible]

Dear Friend,

[illegible]

[illegible]

yesterday we found the [illegible] here is the same characteristic [illegible] [illegible] come up in [illegible] come up

[illegible] Epipactis [illegible], [illegible] secundum, [illegible] (Gentiana [illegible]), Lycopus virginicus, [illegible] europaeus, Lycopus [illegible] latifolia (m. [illegible]), Monarda punctata, [illegible] canadensis, Verbascum blattaria, Mimulus ringens, [illegible] flava, Melampyrum americanum, Clethra alnifolia, [illegible] latifolia, Silene ~~[illegible]~~ stellata, the pink & the white naval rose, [illegible] umbellata, Lythrum alternifolium, Monotropa hypopitys, Lobelia

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[illegible]! Mr. [illegible] has
[illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] (flowering sponge) &
[illegible] he [illegible] after it
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] miles
[illegible] us. We gathered some
seeds of the [illegible]
[illegible] (milky [illegible]) [illegible]
Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of them.
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the flowers we have found
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a list of them to you. that
he may send [illegible] any that
you do not have to [illegible]
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[illegible] be able to get [illegible]
them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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say that the [illegible] has
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the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!
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My Dear friend, I have been unfortunately ill for the season. We may have a Dear Summer yet. How as you really like the most. What an idea of your movings are now. Schools are very good, when in the first place illustrated thus considerably with Mr. & Mrs. Ellis respectfully yours, Sarah

A week ago I rec'd a letter from you & last night a postal card. You are too kind in offering to send me more pressed ferns. I will enclose in this letter a list of those I have. I should like very much to see the ferns growing up around your house each spring & summer. I was in Western New York years & such as I left you came to take root in your garden. It would be such a pleasure to join you in your rambles about the town in search of ferns & flowers. Let me tell you now of the treats I have had lately. I went out one week ago Sunday with my little nieces just ten years old. We took Wood's Botany, Hams Christian Bonbons's Stories & some luncheon in my case. Unfortunately the string of my case broke & down went the box of luncheon on the car track, breaking the bottle containing tea & so all the food was delayed. We sat down to throw away what was to have been our dinner. Some time passing us push then looked down upon us & laughed. So it is the misfortune of one are sometimes made a subject of mirth for others. I have not a specimen of locality, so of course I got lost, but

we did let Dutton on at all. When he wished to rest we sat down and read a story. We were from home from 8 A.M. till 3 P.M. We found the large Blue Lobelia I find it is many miles in my head that it wilted before I reached home but I put it in water & it came out as fresh as ever. I sent some to Mr Pratt, he said he would consider it a rose if he could introduce it into America I went after I rec'd his letter to look for more but the frost had killed most of the plants in the [illegible] & that was nearly out of flower when I first found it. So I could not see any. I did not know but that it might be common in the South or I should have taken the roots when I found the flower. I was out to Dr. Wilmot's at Lawn Ridge last Wednesday. It is ten miles from Shell. He is my sister's brother-in-law. He knew where the large Blue Lobelia grew & is going to get a root for Mr. Pratt. Dr Wilmot is a good botanist, but says he has little of the ferns though he is very fond of them. He has a place in his garden

in which we have, the very few that grow about here. The Maidenhair, Cystopteris & one of the Spinulosum - at least I took it to be that. The Pteris also grows here. Dr. Wilmot says the summers are too dry here for the ferns. I have only two different kinds - the Maidenhair & Cystopteris. My sister's aunt who lives in Princeville says that there a good many more altho' she knows little about them. Next Spring I am going there. Dr. Wilmot asked me if Mr. Pratt had the Compass-plant the edges of whose leaves are said to be uniformly north & south, also the Liatris that grows on the prairies. I know he would gladly get you any prairie plant that you might desire that he finds in his drives about the country & I think he would consider it a favor to himself to do so. His address is Dr. William Wilmot Lawn Ridge Peoria Co. Illinois. He says that Mr. Pratt should not have put his puccoon in his garden for it does not bear cultivation. He can get that for you & I can also if you wish it next summer. He understands the soil that different plants here need better than I do. Mr. Pratt sent a climbing fern for him & I have asked Abby to send him any of the common ferns that grow in Concord. I found in the woods a coarse looking plant that had very pretty

flowers. It was a compositae. I could
find no ray flowers in the first specimen
I sent - the corollas had fallen off but I
did not know it - I failed to analyze it
but afterwards meeting it, the first thing
I saw was the little ray flowers. Then I
at once found the name. It was the
Polymnia Canadensis. Do you have it. if
not would you like it. any thing that
I find here I shall take great pleasure
to send. Do you have the Eupatorium serotin
It is my past flower but I could get
roots. The hemp nettle grows abundantly
here & I notice that Gray says it is rare.
I have had the blossoms in the house
over a week & they keep fresh - then
were thrown away although not withered
The Dysodia has been in blossom ever since
I came here. I could send you some. I do
not forget your Ladies' slipper next summer
Do you have the Cuphea that has
been in blossom ever since I came here
Do you have the Helenium autumnale. I
think I sent you a list of the flowers I
had found & offered to get any for you. I did
the same to Mr Pratt. & he sent for some roots
& seeds. We have had

Polypodium vulgare
Phegopteris polypodioides
Phegopteris Dryopteris
Struthiopteris germanica
Pteris aquilina
Adiantum pedatum - abundant in Chillicothe.
Camptosorus rhizophyllus.
Scolopendrium Officinarum
Asplenium trichomanes.
Asplenium ebeneum
Asplenium thelypteroides
Asplenium Ruta muraria
Filix-fœmina.
Dicksonia punctilobula.
Woodsia obtusa
Woodsia Ilvensis
Cystopteris fragilis
Cyclopteris
Woodwardia angustifolia - abundant in New Jersey.
Aspidium marginale
Aspidium thelypteris
Aspidium noveboracense.
Aspidium spinulosum.
Aspidium cristatum
Aspidium acrostichoides
Pellaea dense
Aspidium argutum
Onoclea sensibilis

Lycopodium palmatum
Osmunda regalis
Osmunda Claytoniana
Osmunda cinnamomea
Botrychium ternatum
Botrychium virginianum
Woodwardia virginica
Pellaea atropurpurea
Pellaea gracilis
Cheilanthes eatoni
Aspidium munitum
Polypodium intermedium.
Polypodium vulgare
Asplenium montanum
Pellaea ornithopus
Gymnogramma triangularis
Asplenium viride
Cheilanthes gracillima
Notholaena Fendleri.
Adiantum chilense
Ophioglossum vulgatum.
Trichomanes Petersii
Pellaea andromedaefolia
Botrychium lanceolatum.
Woodwardia radicans
Asplenium pinnatifidum

I found Sensen appears
ries. He also studies the
grained seeds of most of
these with the microscope.
I regret I had not commenced
the study of the ferns earlier.
I wish I could analyze them
as easily as the flowers. I
think now that I shall
devote considerable time to
the Spring & Summer flowers
& hope to send you some
that do not grow East.
Isn't it strange that I did not
know the Polygalum that Mr.
G. sent you. We thought it was a
fern & then that it wasn't.
We found it early in August
with a withered stalk in place
of the pinled stalk that I thought
must have been in flower stalk.
I have to enjoy my flowers alone
now with the children there isn't
a person in Chillicothe that can
analyze a flower
or pecuniarily
care for
wild flowers.
the ferns
that you
gave
me
here
from
Chillicothe, Peoria Co. Illi
28 th Sept.

Dear friend,

Your favor of Sept.
1, was received. Mr. Guilford
is very grateful for your remem-
brance. I found Mr. G. un-
usually intelligent & kind.
He is a natural lover of wild flowers.
Mr. Lowell wrote me he gave
you the grasses I sent to Medford
for you. I hope they were not
injured for early. Should I
ever later & through here have
spared and are very acceptable.
I do not feel when I have de-
voted a month as I did
August, a rambling over the wide
fields with one who exactly
enjoyed it with myself.

Mrs. Lowell
admired
Yellow Hawkweed
much

I came here last Friday eve. Have been with the children in the woods most times since and Campanula-rotundifolia, Physostegia Virginiana, Cuphea viscosissima, Linaria vulgaris - I inadvertently omitted the last from the list that I have of the flowers that my little girls helped analyze - Tofanisia graveolens, Xanthus caerulens, Gaiaspidis ladanum - that Gray says is rare - Abutilon avicennae. I have a peculiar little flower that I have not had time to analyze yet but I will enclose - those that I have named grow very near here & I can get any for you if you desire. I can get seeds of Abutilon avicennae if you desire. The seeds are ripe on the same plant with the new flowers. The plant must have commenced to flower a long while ago. I have found the Eupatorium serotinum that Gray says grows in "Illinois & southward" I have not as yet seen a single person, but my sister's brother-in-law, Dr. Wilmot, who lives about ten miles from here is a fine botanist & I hope he will see the seeds & if so he will give me all the wanderings those that grow about here. The first of the season I scarce knew a person but now am just quite as ignorant. Mr. Gilford &

[illegible]

[illegible],

[illegible] the [illegible] this [illegible] specied [illegible] the [illegible] your [illegible] the [illegible] your [illegible] will notice that the [illegible] are different [illegible]

[illegible]

Chillicothe Ross Co. Ohio
April 7th 1877

Dear Friend,

I have yesterday
received your letter stating that we had
sold the Oxalium destile. I have
not heretofore said that
it was Oxalium decomposition.
I did not consider it
important. It is all the same
Oxalium that Professor Attwood
is having patented & sold
[illegible] the destile-
(spoken of earlier).
I will be a great deal to me
if you succeed in all that
is contained herein.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] admired Mr.
[illegible] would you
[illegible] the world
[illegible] Mr. Dana
[illegible] Dana
[illegible] Mr. Pratt's death in
[illegible] N. Y. [illegible] in phi-
l day [illegible] a man
man - [illegible] one word
[illegible] it [illegible]
to record.

I am happy to have
the printed volume and
letter, and you send

me to Mr. Welford. Don't
get them especially & send
him if you have any
to spare I would like
him to see one. Send
for the P. Pachalaba with
Geo. G. & Daniel's name both
you done. He read
Mr. Ile's Spring is Drawn
with us. The Dogtown roses
are in bloom. The tender
flowers must be gone -
We do not have them. I was so
glad to send Mr. Pringle the Physiologus
as he had never seen it. He

Red Bank, Monmouth Co. N. J.
Apr. 23.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I am little afraid that you may get the Trillium erythrocarpum when it is not convenient. Now don't please send any unless you happen to have it. I know just how busy you must be. I have a T. recurvatum in blossom that Mary Fisher sent me. She says she is

Quite delighted as [illegible] & Pennie forwarded - E. Fordham.

I have a letter from Mrs. Annie Allcott Pratt in wh. she encloses a tribute to Mr. Pratt's life & character written by Sanborn & an "In Memoriam" by her dear friend Allcott. They were married in the Spring & Allcott died in the Spring of the same year. E. H.

going to send Mr. F. two or three hundred of them at his request. If you should wish any plants that grow around Chillicothe just send to her. She is a teacher & has very little care out of school. Would you like roots of the Spring-Beauty. It grows here in great abundance.

I hope your health will be much better this Season. When the weather is fair I walk to the Fairmount Park with Mr. Bird. It is a beautiful place. Mr. & Mrs. J. walk in flowers & admire the flowers were lovely.

[illegible] Monmouth Co, N. J. May [illegible]

[illegible]

finish [illegible] read by

[illegible] interests. It had

send them to [illegible]'s widow

who sent me her sister Louisa

Alcott's "In Memoriam" re-

membering how [illegible]

Thoreau & her daughter Sophia

after the death of Henry Thoreau
were the letters of sympathy
that came to them from
those who knew & loved
Henry either personally or through
his writings. I can now
send you F. B. Sanborn's
tribute to Mr. A. & Louisa
Alcott's "In Memoriam"
if you have them not. I
will write to Dr. Wilmot
& Mary Fisher. from both
of whom I receive delightful
letters. to send you a rock
or roots of the White Lady's
Slipper. I wish I had

Hampton
Dear Mr. Daveni
I have been
thinking of you for
a long time & am glad
to get your letter. It
is near by your Sister
in Concord. Now let me
tell you of my pleasant
rambles with Mr. Guild
& Mr. Finch. We started
for the "pines" Saturday
morning early. We walked
sixteen miles that day.
Mr. G. is there we passed them. I and
have taken out some Dr. Jos. Roby Rev.
Gt. it. Would you
stay overnight? The pots are off
from the Sh. Amendment Ques. which
appeared, Mr. Ed. Ellis & Rev. Mr.
Dana Batt. Sh. Senior Year were
allowed with the church & Conse
Thrill. & Dr. Allen Pettee "opposing"
& Rev. Mr. Moriarty & Mr. Mary Compbell

And the same number
the next day. Come
home Monday M.
found in flower that
I can recall just
now Asyrum Cuc-
andreae (St Andrews cross)
Lobelia cardinalis
Coreopsis tinctoria
Asclepias incarnata
tinctoria (Bell Root) Silphium
Superbum. very abundant
about Rue — Aletris
farinosa, Lycopodium
flexuosum, Potosia

ophioglossoides, Habenaria, Ilephanglotis
Utricularia Stiata, U. Cornuta, Cornus
Sericea, Arenaria squarrosa, Hypericum
prolificum. H. canadense, Lysis Carolinana
Pontederia cordata, Drosera rotundifolia,
D. filiformis, Asclepias incarnata.
Enocanlon Sektangulare, Gratiola aurea,
Aeteris &c. I meant to have sent
you a box of the sun dew but
we packed together & had go down to

Aug. 73 Keeseville, N. Y. Nov. 11.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Enclosed I return your little poem & send also my note, & one more of other specimens of fish, which we gathered from the lake. Mr. B. wrote me that Lepidosiren was the reason being caught, might be, if caught fish as I found it so. I had a poor time to botanize about the place. I will write me if the specimens happened you. In if so I perhaps can go again in Sept. or.

Do write me, Mr. Davenport.

that you will always feel as you do now in these first months of your affliction. The sunshine and clouds will begin to break into light. You will only have that to remember. Your child that is pleasant. Some said Parents say that some had something to worry after they came to years of discretion that their grey one their coming children was unexpectedly beyond that which they surprised to having those dearest they removed by death. Why should we be surprised when we have passed some time the hand under you for such things as these are daily occurring. Oh! if we may be enough to be the instrument of some children. Pity poor children. Mrs. Kempshall & Pity children.

Yours in hope Rev. Mr. Chase

Mrs. Chase

Bedford Mass
Monday A.M.
May 17-

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I received your letter Saturday eve. and will this A.M. to let the Bedford Club know your decision. My letter to Miss Nora the Club meets on Tuesday eve. I think it will not be easy to make any change as to the time

If the meeting of the
Club thinks it will be
safe for you to re-
main here all night
I shall be glad to
have you do so. I
will write
the Fortin 5.55,
P.M., 7.55, 9.55 A. M.
& from Fortin 7.55
P.M. & 11, 5.25, 6.25,
P.M. This, Cette will

they may find dis-
covery the Author of
the same publication
which the Publication
Committee will be very
happy to publish as
a little in a very
small way, yours
truly & those of
affectionate, praising
but very Author
& Examining Committee

[illegible]
[illegible] nothing of [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
little [illegible]
on the [illegible]
cup. The [illegible]
has [illegible]
[illegible] called [illegible]
[illegible] velvet [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the fern enclosed was Cheilanthes lanosa

CAW 8/4/23

Marshfield, Webster Co. Missouri, Feby 21. 1882.

Dear Mr Carruthers,

Spring is nearly here with its flowers. I went to Springfield a few weeks ago & brought home a few fern roots for my case. On my way home I stopped at the poor-house, not far from the woods, & two women looking into my case pointed to the Cheilanthes lanosa (am I right in the name?) I enclose a frond & said they had often gathered it to make tea of as it was good for a cold & cough. The two women had lately come to the poor-house from different parts of the county. This fern is very abundant here on the cliffs along creeks. If there are any roots of Missouri plants you would like it would give me much pleasure to send them to you. The Pellaea atropurpurea is very common here. Also Houstonia minima which looks very pretty with its blue flowers by the roadside, it blossoms very early in March & continues

weeks in bloom. I will send you seeds of Desmanthes brachyloba. + Sabbatia angularis. the latter is beautiful & very fragrant. E. Dowman told me that she had many a time boiled the leaves of the white-dogs tooth violet for greens. It used to be very abundant here. + many by now the herd of cows were wandering here. I never go to a place I do not meet them. I find here the Dodecatheon meadia - American cowslip & wild hyacinth grow here + the latter in the greatest abundance.

We have had the thermometer at twenty eight degrees below zero this winter. We feel cold days here more than you do at the East with your steady cold. we have higher winds + beautiful warm april like days all winter. Day before yesterday it was so warm + sunny when I went to the post office at eight o'clk that I wore no outside garment except my hat. Soon after a dark cloud was seen & it brought cold wind & snow. The day was very cold & disagreeable. Hoping you & your family are well Yours truly Eliza Hosmer.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Yours very truly

Elisa [illegible]

Mrs. Mabel Dodge Luhan [illegible]

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I have [illegible] to the word since the planets aspected & I am still silent to have called Stafford, and that time does not [illegible] by a circle — two miles from town — most of my neighbors are alive — a dozen or more roots of Dodecatheon grew in a small space — also one American Crab apple with its wings, pure white against dark red stems & leaves — that now adorned our table yesterday — lovely! — [illegible] I can even see it all & [illegible]

[illegible] the Anemone Caroliniana is [illegible]
with its purple [illegible]. I found [illegible]
[illegible] the Pelican [illegible] [illegible]
The Anemone nemorosa & Viola pedata var
bicolor [illegible] abundant as well as
Spring Beauty. Sunday [illegible]
[illegible] the Dear of the [illegible]
[illegible] by the [illegible]
the woods & found Trillium [illegible]
and [illegible] found that [illegible]
[illegible] found common [illegible]
I have the promise of [illegible]
[illegible] in flower [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in flower [illegible]
[illegible] miles from his home & [illegible]
[illegible] at his house [illegible]
[illegible] watching it. [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible]

Concord, Mass.
May 30.

Dear Mr. Davenport.

I went yesterday morning to see Elizabeth Weir in regard to the proposed meeting at Concord. She said she would see Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain. This morning she said Mrs. C. thought her husband could take no part in the matter as he would be near moving into his house &c & Dr. [illegible] no

[illegible]

will take it into their hands & so it will be I know a great success. H. Richardson says get it started & a great many will enter into it. They will write you tomorrow. I feel sure it will [be] a very pleasant meeting. One suggests "Fairy Land" as a place of meeting — that is not very far off. If it should be a dull day, with a little rain the

enthusiasm herself. Mr.
Hoar is a dry, retiring
man & E. Weir Mitchell
knows him well says
that the idea of any
such thing would an-
noy him. E. Weir Mitc
is an intimate friend
Jeff has illness in her
family which she
much regrets. The
Chamberlains have
money, time, great
knowledge of Ireland's
costs & fields & woods

but I write it not with the intention to
of Cortlandt Bryant's Lib. since
visiting there with me. Mitchell would
be charming. I have heard Barrett
Wendell's lectures - a pure
pleasure into which I'd be not
there is great deal - the atmosphere
Wendell's by the way thought I should
visit Dr. Holmes. Think I shall
Mrs. Dr. Holmes & the Misses Holmes

in Missouri I find places where it forms a perfect mat on rocks in cool shady places. Did you Shooting Star flower.

Yours sincerely &
with kind regards to Mrs. Davenport & the children Elizabeth Osborne.

Marshfield. Webster Co. Missouri June 4

Dear Mrs. Davenport

You said there was Cust. Fr-gilis in the first box. I did not understand whether you meant in the first box I sent last Fall I sent a Cyst. bulbifera - I find on the ground of that geon so many bulblets. Some of the fronds are very long I find some short & triangular in form. The geon

that that look like a Spiraeum I saw
and some with long grands. But
the fern that seems to have been
common to us, what is that? Un-
like the others. But not to compare
I could gather hundreds of what
I call Cyst. bulbifera & Woodsia
obtusa & one following one spread
over them. The first & the last
is so very abundant growing both
sides edges in between rocks. I
suppose they would be ter-
rible from the rocks. Shelving r.
& pallosa p. very abundant also.
I can't send you the largest fronds
because my boxes are too short.
Have no opportunity for pressing
now. Walking been very common

Mark P.S. For pocket slap
you would write
one a note on receipt
of this thanking my
friends - I have
to write this very
unwillingly to go
on that morning mail
I do not expect to
be home more than
four or five week
then go to Chicago -
With thanks & greetings Farewell
Elisa Warner
Mansfield, Webster Co. Missouri
Monday A.M.
Dear Mr Davenport -
You will receive
with thanks - yesterday
I went to Springfield
for your C. O. D. and
last evening - I easily
found the name after
sending for my box to
you by mistake on stamed - But
the stem being dark - I
was not sure before - The

Woodia. I sent has all the boxes turned over on Zoni. & I found that Spiran was a [illegible] of another species of Woodia - One gotor them W. obtusa -
Mary Quigg tell mar still has them so. that I sent it to you in my first box - you say there was only one other kind C. fragilis besides the C. f. perhaps I did not in the twilight put in the box all I thought I did the dark green fern I used to find in Ill. & always called C. fragilis - but the fronds vary so much from it - [illegible] - Mary or [illegible] glass - that one I so you think the next time comes not more

she wrote me. I do
not understand why
she did not acknowledge
it & the Woodwardia.
Dr. Lockwood was much
pleased with his. & Mr.
Gifford is growing finely
He had it exposed to
the midday sun so ear-
ly in it seems to kill.
I rejoice in your success
in your published works.
I know much now busy you
must be, so if ever you do
not reply even by a postal,
I shall understand. I enclose
round Giromiale. Is it
so beautiful when growing
undisturbed in a garden
or woods. We only found
a few of them & the one
I have came up from
those man transplanted
in her garden. I suppose
she sent me the Maidish
thinking it would trans-
late. She writes "as for the
California, like the poets I
shall have to invoke the Muses
to aid me in telling you how
beautiful it is!" We went
out each night & found

the Thalictrum macrum
both kinds in flower - &
another Thalictrum in
bud which is much taller
than the others. I shall
watch it. Also the "Parsley
Buttercup" Saturday we
go for the day to "the
Highlands" I will after-
wards report of our suc-
cess. I had a pleasant
ride to Long Branch a
few days since - bought a
pair of handsome strong
horses. But why is it that
such a ride fades into
insignificance beside a
ride into the woods with
the roughest kind of a
vehicle. Mary Fisher's fa-
ther had an old wagon
without springs which
was my delight - & when
he had springs added
to it I felt sorry. There
are great quantities of
the Anemone Pennsylvanica
growing just across the
fence from Mary Fisher's.
Mary Fisher's Aunt
Jane is doing very finely

told Dr. W. to equally divide what he could get between you & Mr. Pringle. But I received your letter asking me to send Mr. Pringle what I felt inclined to send you. The Dr. sent five hundred to him & may not be able to get more. Mr. P. wish so many roots. For instance 1500 of the Trillium nivale. Mary has an aunt that lives on the prairie & can get two or three. He wants the Viola rotundifolia, V. lanceolata, C. pronatorica, V.

incurvata var. palmata. very
fine same species, differ
ing in color in the way
that Mr. G. finds Dryal-
nosh from another species.
Mr. Fisher has the Lark-
spur in bloom. I know she
would send you. I have
an root of Collinsia that
bore the journey from Ills
here so well that it is
fresh & the buds opening.
I wish it was in your
garden. Do you think it
would bear another journey
with you when dead

157 James St.
Syracuse N.Y.
11.1.1874.

Mr. Davenport

Dear Sir

Your letter of 16th ult. came to hand once a week ago. I thank you for writing for I am glad to know the Scolopendrium officinarum reached you in good condition. I supposed it would prove a new arrival for your Genesee. Have you Walking Leaf? Campto sorus rhizophyllus? I consider Onondaga Co.

unusually rich in its Flora.
The Scolopendrium grows
here about Jamesville.
Have been told it was
first discovered here in 1806 by a
noted botanist, Pursh, who
states that he found it
"in the western parts of
New York, near Onondaga,
on the plantations of J. Geddes"
The specimen I send you
I found at Green Lake
West of Jamesville (a
small town near Syra-
cuse) The ferns Pellaea
Gracilis & Pellaea atropurpu-
rens are two characteris-
tic ferns of this region
The former rare.
Asplenium Ruta-muraria
has been found within
15 miles. Aspidium

Acrostichum I have never found
here and I fear you have never
been. Have you Osmunda Claytoniana
or other species? Osmunda cinnamomea
Spinulosa are common. Cheilanthes
I shall be glad to send you
at any time any plant that will be
found there that will be
worth your trouble.
The people in our neighborhood
are kind and obliging
Yours truly
Joe Farmer.

157, James St.
Syracuse N.Y.
Sept. 12. 1875.

Mr. Davenport

Dear Sir;

I found on looking over Mrs. Dr. Barker's collection of Ferns so great a variety of Botrychiums that I asked her to send them to you & presume you will see and [illegible] them before getting this. There were a few she thought she could not part with as she [illegible]

duplicates but as I felt they might be of help to you in making out connecting links I took the liberty of saying that if marked to be returned you would remail them to me. Excuse me if I have been officious in the matter.

The newspaper — one I cut from one I saw Mr Rogers reading — was written by a Sailor living a few miles out from the city & may interest the Secretary of the Navy. I cannot vouch for the truth of the story but it is well worth investigation. Perhaps Mr Whitney has sent it to Secretary Franklin but I felt sure you would be glad to see it.

Yours Respectfully

Geo. Perkins

44. Townsend St.
Syracuse N.Y.
May 3. 1876.

Mr. G. E. Davenport
Dear Sir

I thank you for the nos. of Medford Chronicle containing your Flora of Medford. Have enjoyed greatly the chapters on Ferns & have just ordered the papers for a friend. Why can you not prepare a work

[illegible] publication
in book form
upon the Ferns of
America. I can
see it [illegible]
with its little
plates! —
and now I have
a favor to ask
of you — oh. I do like
asking for I know
the [illegible] life you
must lead — I do
wish a little of the
Rhodora could [illegible]
[illegible] comes
in 24 hours or less
think I could give
it to my Class in
a [illegible] good

Syracuse June 23. 1881

Prof. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you by mail a fern which I found in woods near Syracuse. It resembles Aspidium Goldianum, Hook, but it is very much smaller with the lower pinna bent forward and downward. Without looking far I found three others like it, but not as well fructified as the one I send you. Will you be kind enough to tell me what they are.

Yours respectfully

Mary T. Hotchkiss

42 East Onondaga St. Syracuse, N. Y.

Willamette Slough
Apric 6; 1875

Mr Geo. E Davenport

Dear Sir — yours of March 10th received. The ferns in this imediate vicinity as far I have been able to discover the are as follows as follows:

Polypodium vulgare
Pteris aquilina var lanuginosa Hook
Adiantum pedatum
Aspidium munitum
Asplenium Felix foemina
Lomaria spicata

You will observe that Aspidium munitum and Lomaria spicata the only two species that do not grow East. Our polypodium vulgare may be P. fulcatum Kellogg I have no Eastern specimens to compare it with and have never seen Kellogg's description. I think most of the other species credited to Oregon grow in the Cascade Mts 50 miles or more from here

It will afford me much pleasure to exchange with you but I have no extra specimens on hand. Since getting your letter I have gathered some Lomaria spicata and Aspidium munitum which I send to you but the fronds are in bad condition but then you can see how they look after standing a hard winter. When the proper time comes I will write and send you a set of specimens of all that grow here

Yours truly

Joseph Jewell.

Put on file to let Cato see in case I want for autograph book

Willamette Slough
Oregon, Aug. 6, 187[illegible]

Mr Lemmon: Dear Sir I received your letter in a few days after the good rain and now we, intending to [illegible]

I send you by mail to day a package of seeds and enclose the labels with them. you will see that I have dried some additional species since I last wrote to you. I send some species that grew with opea. A friend sent me a fragment of a little fern gathered in Washington Co. Oregon. which I take to be ~~ig~~ ~~ystopteris~~ fragilis but it seems to be more densely fruited than is usual with that species. please examine it and let me know what it is. It is marked No. 7 A. I will send you those roots of Lomatia spicant when the proper season comes Yours truly

Joseph Howell.

Willamette Slough
Oregon Jan 24, 1877.

My Dear Mr Davenport

Yours is received it came to hand just as I was making up a package for you. I have not made as extensive a collection of polypodiums as I had intended to but such as I have I send you.

A. This appears to be very near if not identical with polypodium Californicum Collected at St. Helens Oregon Nov. 1876.

B. This is the most comon form growing on the trunks of trees. Especialy the ash. Sauvies Island, Oregon, Jan. 1877.

C. This is a large form but it does not seem to differ from either of the others only in size and the sharply pointed pinnae. Basalt rocks Washington Territory Dec. 1876.

D. I found this growing with the last. It appears to be a highly developed state of it. I don't think it is even a distinct variety of it as you will observe that the same root contains pinnes with ~~tooth~~ teeth and without teeth I hope it will interest you. I think I sent you some of the roots of it.

I send you some Lomaria spicant latta plorin and cut toothe pinnee collected August, 1876

I was not able to visit the locality where the variety of Lomaria with toothed pinnes grows but once during the season. I found several plant but none of them as finley developed as the plant I found the year before. The locality is not very easy for me to visit but I will try and get a root for you in the spring.

There are a few ferns that I would like to have but I have not time now to make a list at some future time I will send you the list

Yours very truly Joseph Howell.

Willamette Slough
Oregon April 2, 1877

My Dear Mr Deverport

I send you by to day's mail a parcel of roots of Asprodum Argutum and hope that you will succeed with them

very truly yours
Joseph Thorell

Willamette Slough
Oregon Aug 16, 1879

Dear Mr. Davenport

I have for a long time been wanting to send you some ferns but have not had time untill now I send you a package by mail to day. thanks for your catalouge it has been of much use to me The plants are

No. 1. Cheilanthes gracelamma
Cinnabar Mts. Washington Territory
June 1879

No 2 Gymnogramme triangulae
Rocky point Oregon May 1879 both old and new and old fronds.

No 3 Cryptogramme acrostichoides
Banks of Columbia river
Multnomah Co Oregon Aug. 1879.

No 4 Aspidium munitum,
Sauvies Island Oregon. July, 1879.

different. We will collect some W. Oregon soon if posible and send you.

My brother and I collect together and devote most of our attention to flowering plants

We have just learned that Dr. Gray has named a new Genus after us.

No 10 Selaoginella Douglasii Spring
Rocks banks of Columbia river Oregon Aug. 1879. We will send you some Azollos Marsilea and Lycopodium when we get specimens we have none at present but know when they grow. Please name those two ferns for us (Nos 8 & 9) and let us know what they are as soon as convenient. We have No polypodium Scouleri as perhaps We might make out No. 8.

With thanks for past favors I remain yours truly

Joseph Howell

No. 5 Woodsia Scopulina Basalt
rocks banks of Columbia river
Multnomah Co. Oregon Aug. 1879
No 6 Same as last Cascade Mts.
Washington Territory June, 1879.
No 7. polypodium falcatum
Fisher's Landing Washington Territory
Feb. 1879.
No. 8 Is a polypodium that
we can't make out My brother
found it on over hanging
cliffs of Basalt rocks along
creeks Nea the Cascads of
the Columbia river Oregon Aug 1879
No. 9 We take to be a Woodsia
that we can't make out
My brother found it near the
Dalls Oregon May 1879 We have
Collected W. Oregana two years
ago but have disposed of all
our specimins this posibly may
be it but it seems to be

Sauvies Island
Oregon, Dec. 15, 1880.

My Dear Mr Davenport

I have to ask pardon for not answering your letter before this but I have not been very well.
My brother who put up the Lomary for me says he is shure that the roots labeled var. serotum was true to name, perhaps after the plants get well established it will have serated pinnea

The Selenzinella Douglasii that I sent you grew on wet rocks banks of the Columbia river. I am sure that I sent a ticket with it. It may have got lost.

I now send you another specimen and also some Marsilia vestita and an Isoetes perhaps it is I. Nuttalii. I think it is the same as 693 of Halls Oregon plants published in proc. of American Ac. of Arts & Sciences vol 8, p 311.

Yours very truly

Joseph Howell

Arthur
Multnomah Co
Oregon April 7, 1882

Dear Mr. Davenport

I received your letter some time ago about the Isoetes I think the specimens I sent you were mixed with some specimens from Millwaukie, Mr. Englemen wrote to My brother about them and he sent him good fruiting specimens of the Dalles plant. I am sorry that we got things so badly ~~by~~ mixed as it has given much trouble I collected plants at the Dalles and My brother collected what we took to be the same thing but better specimens at Millwaukie

and in sending them out we
sent some of the specimens
of both localities I sent
specimens to Sereno Watson
probably some of both - as
I have no recolection of it now
he wrote me that it was a
new species and caled it
Isoetes longipelae. But afterwards
he wrote me it was I. Nuttallii
probably his second examination
was confined to the Millwaukie
specimens

I will send you good and
complect specimens of it for
the Davenport Herbarium some
time this summer. Many thanks

yours truly

Joseph Howell.

Davenport Ann

Joseph Howell, July 16, 1886 "As I said before, probably all the pacific coast polypodiums are varieties of P. vulgare"

2 ~ fronds
1 ~ sporo

Wellamette Slough
Oregon July 16, 1886

Mr Geo. E Davenport

Dear sir: your last two or three communications remain unanswered. An unusual high water in the Columbia river has flooded the whole of Sauvie's Island. My place has been 6 feet under water. I have been so busy taking care of things that - I have had no time to write letters as Botanist.

As soon as the polypodium grows this fall - it - is all dried up now - I will send you a large lot of the same ferns. Also some roots

The two ferns of Polypodium in my last sending grew on different roots. They are distinct but perhaps not specifically. The one with sharp pointed pinnae is what is known as P. Falcatum, Kellogg. The one with round pointed pinnae resembles the typical form of P. vulgare. perhaps it is a large form of what is known as P. californicum. As I said before probably all the pacific coast polypodiums are varieties of P. vulgare

In a few days I hope to be able to visit the locality ~~of~~ where I found the Lomaria spicant with toothed pinnae. I will then be abll to inform you if it is a permanent variety or only a yearling sport; it is in a place not very convenient for me to go to. There was but one plant of it and every frond both barren and fertil had the pinnae ~~it~~ toothed as the specimens I sent you.

I am glad that you succeeded with Lomaria and Pteris. From the nature of the roots of Pteris I think it will not very well bear transportation long distances but it is very hard to kill out by cultivation. I would like to see your plantation of ferns ever so much. It would afford me real pleasure.

Thanks for the specimens you sent me some time ago. some of them are very rare. Yours truly

Joseph Jackel.

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Arthur Oregon
Aug 12th 1883

Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of July 2nd. was duly received. Thanks for your kindness in naming the Ferns. Mrs Barretts address is; Mrs. P. G. Barrette, Hood River Oregon. I think she will be glad to have your Catalogues &c. As more than half of the specimens I collected for Aspidium aculeatum var, Scopulinum turns out to be A. Lonchites it has been so short that I have none to spare at present, and A. aculeatum I

have never seen growing, but when I colect them I will colect some for you

Brother is at home and doing very well; he has a very large farm to attend to so he dose but little in botany

yours Truly
Thos Howell

#1
Isoetes Bolanderi

Arthur Oregon
April 10th 1886

Geo. E Davenport

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a specimen of Isoetes that I collected in Southern Oregon in 1884. The nearest I can make it is I. flaccida Var rigida but that has not been found out side of Florida, and it hardly seems possable to refer it to that. I found it growin in a very little pond on the South side of Eight dollar mountain in Josephene Co. As near as I can remember it was wholey submerged but I think in the pond dries

up entirely later in the season but cannot say for certain

For the want of a Microscope and experience in using it I cannot make out its full characters

Respectfully yours,
Thos. Howell

Sutkdorb's address is White Salmon Wash.

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Clackamas Oregon
Oct 17 1895

Dear Mr Davenport

Your letter of Sept. 20th is at hand and I have been holding it for some time for a favorable time to answer it

Neither myself or my brother have sent you any Ferns for several years, so the Asplenium you speak of cannot be from us. It probably was sent you from one of Pilkington's boys if it was with one of their Catalogues, One of the boys lives at Hood River and perhaps he sent it However if you will send it to me I will see if I can match it among my collections and if I can I will send you more of it; if not I will return it to you

I spent the summer Botanizing in Southeastern Alaska and made a very good collection; perhaps the Ferns will be interesting to you so I send them to you by this mail and ask that you will give me your determination of them. My address is now Clackamas Oregon

Yours

Thos. Howell

Clackamas Oregon
Dec. 14th 1895

Dear Mr. Davenport

Your letter of Oct. 31st was duly received and I am very much obliged to you for your kind favor in naming the Ferns & Lycopodiums.

The two forms of Aspidium aculeatum No. 1728 come from about the same locality, (the only place that I found it,) but were collected at different times about a month apart. I saw specimens of it along the creek that was nearly 6 ft. high

I send you another specimen of No 1729, I find I did not collect any roots of it but remember that the roots were much like Asplenium Felix fœmine.

I sent you specimens of all the ferns I collected except a little Woodsia, W. scopulina no doubt, and in fact all I saw; but now I add two that was collected after I left

by my friend Mr. Gorman of Portland
The Indians of Alaska cook and eat the roots
stock of No 174 in the Spring.

Yours truly

Thos. Howell

N. Y.

15 Hinwood St. Brooklyn

Sept. 24. 1885.

Mr Geo. E. Davenport:

Dear Sir:

Your postal came to me last week - Many thanks for your kindness. I supposed v fern was B. lunaria, but what Examples from Europe I had seen, were shorter and much more fleshy. Also I had read in an English work that lunaria was parasitic upon grass roots, which this certainly was not. I also again, Dr. Wood's B. neglectum, given in his Flora Atlantica, bothered me.

Now my dear Sir, as to helping me, I am very willing indeed to be helped. My first hobby is Entomology as I said in my letter to Dr Gray, but, leaning towards Botany, in collecting, I have so far only gotten

together v plants in Dr Gray's Manual of N. E. U.S., & of them have about 2000 species. I have no ferns from Cal^a West or few from v South, & those all in poor Condition. So you find in me v Easiest sort of a person to exchange with. Of v ferns in Gray's Manual, I have not as yet, or have not in good Condition, Cheilanthes lanuginosa Nutt., Pteris var Caudata, Allosorus acrostichoides Spreng., Asplenium pinnatifidum, Nutt., A. Ebenoides R. R. Scott., A. angustifolium Mchx., A. thelypteroides Mchx., Aspidium spinulosum Swartz., A. var. Clintonianum, A. filix-mas Swartz, A. lonchitis Swartz., Onoclea var. obtusiloba Torr., Woodsia glabella R.B., W. Oregana DC., Botrychium simplex, B., lanceolatum & obliquum.

Now if what I wrote I had of Bot. Lunaria-, Scol. vulgare, Pellaea atropurpurea, Asplenium ruta-muraria, or Oplio. vulgatum ~~the~~ is of any account to you, let me know. & I will send them on to you - or as many as you wish or I can supply, and you can be v final judge of their value in exchange - and to v extent of their value to you you can send me good cabinet specimens of any ferns mentioned above, or any from any part of v U. S., which are not mentioned in Gray's Manual. I think you will consider this fair towards you.

I obtained from a friend some time since some fine ferns from N. Grenada - & Island of Mauritius. also a few from Liberia & a very few from v Sandwich Isles. This is v sum total of my botanical treasures.

If you wish any specimens of Salvia Sclaria - inform me.

Yours very truly
Geo. D. Hulst.

Dedham Nov 7th 76

Mr Geo E Davenport
Dear Sir

I received your kind letter of the 27th inst & have endeavored to get an opportunity to answer it, but none presented itself until the present. I thank you for your kind offer to aid me in the collection of ferns. I have been a member of the Hort Soc for about one year & a half & have enjoyed several opportunities in examing your beautiful collection, & in sending you the specimen of Woodsia obtusa was actuated simply from motives of love for the study of ferns and, if possible, in a small way, to increase its value. I took up the study of Botany about 4 years ago, and have

been intensely interested in it since, & during the last two years I have collected what ferns I could find in this vicinity. Of course my collection is not very extensive, but hope at some future time to enlarge it. If in any of my botanical rambles I am fortunate to discover any eccentricities or sports in the Fern Family it will be a pleasure to me to remember the fine herbarium of the Mass. Soc.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. T. Humphrey

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Amesbury Nov 9th 1897

Mr. Geo E. Davenport

Dear Sir

yesterday I discovered some very fine and unmistakable specimens of Aspidium Cristatum X Marginale here in Amesbury. They were in a cedar swamp, very low and wet, about a rod from a little island. The thing that puzzles me is that nowhere in the vicinity can I find the A. Marginale neither on the Island or in the swamp I hunted quite thoroughly. I thought you might be interested to know this. I live in a good locality for ferns 26 species, (not to speak of varieties) growing within a half mile of my

house.

Yours Truly

J. Warren Huntington

Amesbury

Mass.

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Amesbury Nov 10th 1897

Mr. Davenport

I will send you a plant of A. cristatum x Marginale with pleasure, but it will not be fruited as the fertile fronds have gone by. The place where I found this fern is a favorite hunting ground with me as the Cypripedium Spectabile grows there plentyfully. there are also some splendid Aspidium Bootii there and wild Cattus Calla Lillies. I will send you a list of

we have most of the various forms of botrychium with Lycopodiums, Selaginellas and Isoetes. We have lots of Selaginella Apus but I am not quite sure about S. Rupestris I enclose what I have thought might be it, but am not sure.

Yours truly

F. Warren Huntington

Amesbury

Mass

ferns growing in this vicinity
I have found most of them.
Polypodium Vulgare
Adiantum Pedatum
Pteris Aquilina
Woodwardia Virginica
W. Angustifolia
Asplenium Ebeneum
A. Thelypteroides
A. Filix-Fœmina
Phegopteris Phegopteris
P. Hexagonoptera
P. Dryopteris
Aspidium Acrostichoides
var Incisum
A. Noveboracensis
A. Simulata
A. Thelypteris
A. Cristatum
var Clintonianum
A. Marginale
A. Cristatum x Marginale
A. Spinulosum
var Intermedia
var Dilatata
A. Boottii
Cystopteris Fragilis
Onoclea Sensibilis
O. Struthiopteris
Woodsia Ilvensis
W. Obtusa
Dicksonia Punctilobula
Osmunda Regalis
O. Claytoniana
O. Cinnamomea
Please excuse me if I have mixed the old nomenclature with the new somewhat, as a year ago I did not know one fern from another.